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**FCC ANNOUNCES GSA APPROVES RENEWAL OF  
NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL CHARTER THROUGH  
OCTOBER 4, 2001**

**(CC Docket 92-237)**

The North American Numbering Council (Council) charter has been renewed through October 4, 2001, by the General Services Administration (GSA) to allow the Council to continue advising the Federal Communications Commission on rapidly evolving and competitively significant numbering issues facing the telecommunications industry.

In October 1995, the Commission established the North American Numbering Council, a federal advisory committee created pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1988), to advise the Commission and other North American Numbering Plan (NANP) member countries on issues related to NANP administration, and to advise the Commission on local number portability administration issues in the United States. The original charter of the Council was filed on October 5, 1995, establishing an initial two-year term. The first amended charter was filed on October 5, 1997, renewing the term of the Council for an additional two years.

Since its original charter was renewed, the Council has provided the Commission with critically important recommendations regarding numbering issues. During the term of the current amended charter, the Council issued recommendations which included: (1) the neutrality of toll free database administration by Database Service Management, Inc.; (2) wireline/wireless integration for local number portability; (3) the feasibility of additional abbreviated dialing code arrangements (N11 Ad Hoc report); (4) selection of a thousands block pooling administrator; (5) Lockheed Martin's request to transfer the NANPA functions to Warburg Pincus; (6) methods for optimizing the use of numbering resources; (7) the feasibility of local number portability for 500/900 numbers; and (8) a replacement tool for COCUS, used to collect forecast and utilization data. The Council also provided in April 1999 a detailed evaluation of the North

American Numbering Plan Administrator's (NANPA) performance during its first year, and will continue to evaluate NANPA's performance annually.

The Council is currently considering and formulating recommendations on other important numbering-related issues that will require work beyond the term of the present charter. The term of the Council's second amended charter begins October 5, 1999, and runs through October 4, 2001. The second amended charter is attached hereto.

The value of this federal advisory committee to the telecommunications industry and to the American public cannot be overstated. Numbers are the means by which businesses and consumers gain access to, and reap the benefits of, the public switched network. The Council's recommendations to the Commission will facilitate fair and efficient numbering administration in North America, and will ensure that numbering resources are available to all telecommunications service providers, consistent with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane Griffin Harmon, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) or Jared Carlson, Alternate DFO or Jeannie Grimes, Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-2320.

Information regarding the NANC's activities are posted on the NANC web page is located at [www.fcc.gov/ccb/Nanc](http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/Nanc). The fax number for the Network Services Division is: (202) 418-2345; the Division's TTY number is: (202) 418-0484.

***AMENDED CHARTER FOR  
THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL***

- A. The Committee's Official Designation  
The official designation of the advisory committee will be the "North American Numbering Council" (NANC or Council).
- B. The Committee's Objectives and Scope of its Activity  
The purpose of the Council is to advise the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) and to make recommendations, reached through a consensus of its members, that foster efficient and impartial number administration. The Council will continue to develop recommendations on numbering policy issues, initially resolve disputes, provide oversight guidance to the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) Administrator and the Local Number Portability Administrator(s) (LNPAs) to ensure fair and equitable access to numbering resources, and facilitate number conservation including identification of technical solutions to numbering exhaust. The Council will further provide recommendations to the Commission on toll free database administration. The Council will prioritize its activities in accordance with the policies and objectives, and within the requested time frames, set forth by the Commission.
- In carrying out its responsibilities, the Council shall assure that NANP administration supports the following policy objectives: (1) that NANP administration facilitates entry into the communications marketplace by making numbering resources available on an efficient, timely basis to communications service providers; (2) that NANP administration does not unduly favor or disfavor any particular industry segment or group of consumers; (3) that NANP administration does not unduly favor one technology over another; (4) that NANP administration gives consumers easy access to the public switched telephone network; and (5) that NANP administration ensures that the interests of all NANP member countries are addressed fairly and efficiently, fostering continued integration of the NANP across NANP member countries.
- C. Period of Time Necessary for the Committee to Carry Out its Purposes  
The Commission will review the accomplishments and activities of the Council to determine whether, after two years, this charter should again be renewed and the Council should continue as a Federal Advisory Committee.
- D. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports  
The Council will report to the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission.

- E. Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support  
The Commission will provide the necessary staff support for the Council. The Commission will provide facilities needed to conduct meetings, if the Commission has meeting facilities available. Otherwise, private sector members will provide facilities. Private sector members of the Council will serve without any government compensation, and will not be entitled to travel expenses or per diem subsistence allowances from the government.
- F. Description of the Duties for Which the Committee is Responsible  
The general duties of the Council are to gather and discuss information necessary to develop recommendations to the Commission related to the attainment of the objectives stated under (B). Under the direction of the Commission, the Council will provide oversight of all matters relating to numbering administration, including the development of industry guidelines. Specific duties will include developing and recommending a process for the selection of a thousands block pooling administrator, and an effective audit process for service providers and the NANP administrator. The Council will also prepare for the Commission periodic and final reports to aid the Commission in its oversight responsibilities.
- G. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Staff Years  
Estimated staff years that will be expended by the Council are 3 for the Commission's staff and 5 for private sector and other governmental representatives. The estimated annual cost to the Commission of operating the Committee is \$205,000. The Commission will not pay for private sector staff.
- H. Estimated Number and Frequency of Committee Meetings  
We expect that there will be no more than 10 Council meetings per year.
- I. Charter's Termination Date  
This charter will terminate on October 4, 2001, prior to which the Commission may seek its renewal.
- J. Date Original Charter Filed  
October 5, 1995